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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STATUTORY CONDITIONS OF
ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

REF: (A) MEXICO 6561, (B) STATE 96422, (C) MEXICO
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1. MANUEL BARTLETT, FONSEC DIRECTOR FOR BILATERAL
AFFAIRS, INFORMED EMBOFFS MAY 6 THAT GOM WOULD PROBABLY
NOT BE IN POSITION TO REPLY TO EMBASSY NOTE BEFORE END
OF MONTH BECAUSE SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT RAISES
DELICATE ISSUE WHICH REQUIRES CONSULTATION AND DECISION
AT HIGH LEVEL.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND INFORMALLY, BARTLETT SAID
THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST MEXICAN ACCEPTANCE OF
USG PROPOSAL AND CHARACTERIZED US CONDITIONS OF ELIGI-
BILITY FOR MILITARY TRAINING OUTLINED IN DEPARTMENT'S
DRAFT AGREEMENT AS "INADMISSIBLE AND UNACCEPTABLE".
WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS IN RESPONSE
TO CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION AND NOT AIMED SPECIFICALLY
AT MEXICO, BARTLETT NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
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IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR HIS COUNTRY WITH ITS SMALL AND
NATIONALLY ORIENTED MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT TO ACCEPT
CONDITIONS WHICH IN HIS VIEW ARE BASICALLY REPUGNANT TO
MEXICAN SOVEREIGNTY.

3. BARTLETT WENT ON TO QUESTION WHETHER SMALL SIZE OF
US MILITARY GRANT TRAINING PROGRAM (\$200,000 A YEAR) WAS

WORTH MEXICO'S ACQUIESCENCE IN US IMPOSED "CONDITIONS". IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE REPORT ON STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MEXICO, WHICH CONGRESS MAKES PUBLIC. WHILE BARTLETT SAID THAT GOM BASICALLY SHARES USG'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACCEPT MILITARY TRAINING WITH POLITICAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED.

4. BARTLETT MADE IT CLEAR THAT NOTWITHSTANDING HIS PERSONAL OPPOSITION, FINAL DECISION ON PROPOSED USG AGREEMENT WILL REST WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY, INCLUDING SECRETARY ROEL, AND CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARIAT OF DEFENSE. AS APPROPRIATE, HE INDICATED THAT SECRETARY ROEL OR UNDER-SECRETARY ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS ISSUE FURTHER WITH CHARGE THOMPSON.

5. COMMENT: BARTLETT'S COMMENTS APPEAR TO PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT GOM WILL REPLY TO US NOTE BEFORE MEXICAN MILITARY STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR CANAL ZONE EQUIPMENT RELATED TRAINING ON MAY 15. SOUNDINGS TO DATE CLEARLY INDICATE FOREIGN RELATIONS OPPOSITION IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS TO PROPOSED USG CONDITIONS, ALTHOUGH MATTER YET TO BE DECIDED AT POLICY LEVEL. IN BARTLETT'S OPINION, AND HE IS FIRST TO ADMIT HE IS NOT THE FINAL AUTHORITY, US INSISTENCE ON CONDITIONS FOR MATERIEL-RELATED PORTION OF USG TRAINING PROGRAM HAS RAISED BROADER ISSUE OF WHETHER MEXICO SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACCEPT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE (IN ITS CASE, TRAINING) IF IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOMPANIED BY US ACTIONS OR CONDITIONS THAT MEXICO FINDS DEMEANING. THOMPSON

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